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CHEMICAL PLANTS NEED IMPROVEMENTS

The Pitkyeranta Sulfate-Cellulose Plant in the Karelo-Finnish SSR was reconstructed after the war. The production plan for the second half-year of 1948 was increased considerably due to the fact that the plant was by that time ready to operate at full capacity. However, the enterprise was entirely unable to meet the new standards. The July plan was completed only 74 percent, the August plan 39 percent, and during September the daily schedule is being fulfilled not more than 40 - 60 percent. Since the beginning of the third quarter, the plant has failed to produce several hundred tons of cellulose and this alone has caused a 690,000 ruble loss.

CHEMICAL PLANT TO GET SUBSOIL WATER -- Kazakhstenskaya Pravda, No 194,
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According to preliminary estimates, this would be eight times cheaper than the construction of the dike. In addition to this advantage, the temperature of underground water is low, which is an important factor in technological processes. To date, two 30-meter wells have been sunk and 6 - 8 more will be dug in the immediate future. Soon the plant will receive excellent quality water in the requisite amounts.

KISHINEV PLANT INCREASES SAVINGS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 191, 25 Sep 48

The Kishinev chemical plant has been exceeding production plants from month to month and increasing accumulations above plan. Chemical workers of Kishinev pledged to gain a saving of not less than 350,000 rubles by the end of the year, as a part of the 15 million rubles pledged by the entire city of Kishinev. In order to fulfill this pledge, the plant is introducing improved technical methods.

SUBSTITUTES RAW MATERIALS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 231, 29 Sep 48

The "Pykh'yala" Plant (director, A. I. Pol'trak) manufactures commodities from rubber mixtures which contain such ingredients as rubber, carbon black, chalk, kaolin, zinc oxide, and other materials. Recently, kaolin and chalk found in the southern regions of the USSR have been replaced by diatomite which is shipped from Narva. This substitution of raw materials will enable the plant to save 25,000 rubles annually.

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